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**Re: Notice Letter and Information Request -
9th Avenue and U.S. Scrap Sites -
Response of Demert & Dougherty, Inc.**

Dear Mr Kowalski:

This letter is written in response to the U.S. EPA Notice of Potential Liability and Information Request Letter received by Demert & Dougherty, Inc. on March 21, 1988 with respect to the above referenced sites. That letter requests a response within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the Notice as to whether the addressee will perform or finance certain actions and reimburse the Agency for substantial past costs. In addition, the Information Request requires the submission of any company records related to those referenced Sites from the period 1965 through 1977. With this letter, Demert & Dougherty, Inc. requests extensions of each of those fifteen (15) day deadlines.

Through the Notice Letter, U.S. EPA has asked Demert to accept responsibility for response costs, both past and future at two Sites based on transactions which occurred, if at all, as much as twenty-three years ago. Demert must be allowed sufficient time to determine if any records of dealings with 9th Avenue or U.S. Scrap exist, and if such records are found, to review their content in relation to potential CERCLA/SARA liability. In addition, since the Agency seeks a commitment from Demert with respect to past expenditures, Demert must be provided with cost documentation and technical information sufficient to assess the appropriateness of those costs should the company decide it may bear some potential liability with regard to 9th Avenue and U.S. Scrap.

Demert & Dougherty has begun its review to determine if any records relevant to the Agency requests exist and will notify the Agency of the results of that effort and submit any relevant records found. The company anticipates that its review will be completed and a response provided to the Agency within forty-five days and therefore

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asks for an extension of the time in which to respond to the Agency Notice and Information Requests of that duration.

Further, Demert requests that the Agency provide Demert with any information the Agency has linking Demert to the Sites, all technical information on the Sites such as RI/FS reports, Ten Point Documents, analytical results and all cost documentation. This request is made pursuant to Demert's desire to respond to the Agency's Notice Letter and Information Requests, as well as the Freedom of Information Act.

All future communication respecting Demert & Dougherty's potential involvement with the 9th Avenue and U.S. Scrap Sites should be sent to this office, attention Kathleen Donahue. If you have any questions with respect to this matter, please feel free to call myself or Ms Donahue.

Very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ellen Zisook".

Ellen Zisook

cc: Susan Swales

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